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SUBJ: CANADIAN TRAVEL OF STR DENT

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES PROPOSED VISIT TO OTTAWA BY AMBASSADOR DENT. WE BELIEVE VISIT WILL BE TIMELY AND PROVIDE USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MTN ISSUES AT MINISTERIAL AND SENIOR OFFICIAL LEVEL. EMBASSY IS IN CONSULTATION WITH EXTAFF REGARDING PLANS AND IS CONFIDENT THAT USEFUL SCHEDULE CAN BE DEVELOPED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOC IS ALSO COMMUNICATING WITH STR VIA GHERSON AT CANADIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND RECOMMEND THAT STR AND THIS EMBASSY CONTINUE TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH TO ENSURE PROPER COORDINATION.

2. EXTAFF CONFIRMS THAT FRIDAY, JUNE 6 DATE IS ACCEPTABLE TO GOC. THERE IS MUCH INTEREST HERE IN VISIT AND GOC IS COUNTING ON FULL DAY VISIT. IN VIEW ANTICIPATED 5:00 P.M. TAKEOFF WHICH WILL REQUIRE DEPARTURE FOR AIRPORT NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. (AND PREFERABLY A FEW MINUTES EARLIER) EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THRUSDAY NIGHT ARRIVAL SO AS TO ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME AND FLEXIBILITY IN PREPARING SCHEDULE.

3. INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE MINISTER ALISTAIR GILLESPIE WILL BE PRINCIPLE "COUNTERPART" TO DENT.
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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER ALLAN MACEACHEN HAS ALSO

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EXPRESSED WISH TO MEET WITH DENT. CONSIDERATION OF
SCHEDULE STILL VERY MUCH IN PRELIMINARY STAGE BUT IT
WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE JOINT OR INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS
WITH MINISTERS, ROUND-TABLE MEETING WITH SENIOR GOC
OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH MTN, AND LUNCEHON HOSTED BY
GOC. FIRST PART OF MORNING WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR
CONSULTATIONS AT EMBASSY WITH AMBASSADOR PORTER AND
OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS.

4. PER HEFFERAN/LEARY TELECON MAY 16, EMBASSY HAS
RESERVED THREE SINGLES FOR PARTY AT CARLETON TOWERS HOTEL
FOR NIGHT OF JUNE 5. HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR PORTER EXTENDS
CORDIAL INVITATION TO AMBASSADOR DENT TO STAY WITH HIM
AT RESIDENCE. BECAUSE OF VERY TIGHT HOTEL SITUATION
IN OTTAWA AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, WOULD APPRECIATE
INDICATION ASAP OF AMBASSADOR DENT'S DESIRES AND
CONFIRMTION OF HOTEL REQUIREMENTS WITH NAMES OF
MEMBERS OF PARTY.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT, IF TIME PERMITS, IT
WOULD BE USEFUL FOR AMBASSADOR DENT TO TALK ABOUT
U.S. APPROACH TO MTN ON BACKGROUND BASIS WITH SELECT
GROUP OF ECONOMIC JOURNALISTS. WOULD APPRECIATE
AMBASSADOR DENT'S REACTION TO THIS AS WELL AS INDICATION
OF ANY DESIRES HE MAY HAVE REGARDING PRESS RELATIONS
ASPECT OF VISIT. PORTER

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